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Dear Tribal Leader:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) currently has delegate vacancies for the **Albuquerque area, Bemidji area, Billings area, Billings area, Nashville area, Navajo area, Portland area, Tucson area, and (3) Tribes At-Large.**

Tribal leaders located in the Albuquerque area, Bemidji area, Billings area, Nashville area, Navajo area, Portland area, Tucson area, and (3) Tribes At-Large are encouraged to nominate elected tribal officials to represent their area on the TAC. Nominated area delegates must be qualified to represent the views of tribes within the area, from an area perspective.

CDC is the leading public health agency in the United States. For more than 60 years, CDC has protected health and promoted quality of life through the prevention and control of disease, injury, and disability. CDC shares its focus on health protection with ATSDR, its sister agency. ATSDR serves the public by using the best science, taking responsive public health actions, and providing trusted health information to prevent harmful exposures and diseases related to toxic substances.

As federal agencies, CDC and ATSDR recognize their special commitment to Indian tribes and are dedicated to fulfilling their critical role in promoting tribal health and safety. In 2005, CDC and ATSDR established the TAC to advise the two agencies. The TAC provides input and guidance about policies, guidelines, and programmatic issues affecting the health of Indian tribes.

Information about the vacant seats, eligibility, selection criteria, and nomination procedures is enclosed.

If you have questions or concerns about the TAC or the nomination process, contact the Office of Tribal Affairs and Strategic Alliances at [TribalSupport@cdc.gov](mailto:TribalSupport@cdc.gov). We look forward to continuing to strengthen the relationship among tribal governments, CDC, and ATSDR in promoting the health of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

Sincerely,

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